

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (“Imagine Austin”) calls for “the alignment of land use and transportation planning and decision-making to achieve a compact and connected city”; and

**WHEREAS**, I-35 has historically been a barrier between east Austin and the rest of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Bond afforded \$1 million for the development of innovative solutions to address congestion on I-35; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 2013, I-35 was declared the most congested corridor in Texas by the Texas Transportation Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in coordination with the Local Rider 42 Local Working Group and other transportation partners, worked for most of 2012 and 2013 on the I-35 Capital Area Improvement Program (CAIP) and published the I-35 CAIP Corridor Implementation Plan in August 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAIP’s goals include improving east-west connectivity, improving compatibility with neighborhoods, and enhancing bicycle, pedestrian, and transit options; and

**WHEREAS**, TxDOT’s I-35 CAIP Corridor Implementation Plan calls for the closure of the east/west vehicular bridges and underpasses that provide current east/west access across I-35 at: St. John’s Avenue, 38 1/2 St., 32nd St., Manor Road, 6th St., and Woodland Ave; and

**WHEREAS**, TxDOT's I-35 CAIP Corridor Implementation Plan calls for increased vehicular use of existing frontage roads with operational improvements that call for the removal of all left turns from frontage roads, necessitating a series of new turn-around bridges and removal of existing east/west bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, decreasing east-west connectivity necessitates traveling much longer distances to cross the corridor, and increases per capita vehicle miles traveled significantly; and

**WHEREAS**, existing east-west access across the I-35 corridor should be improved to accommodate Austin's future growth in a compact and connected land use pattern; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to consider the tenets of Imagine Austin and support I-35 alternatives that are in keeping with the compact and connected vision set forth in that plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to keep the community actively informed and engaged in discussing the alternatives, their potential impacts, and the timelines associated with the project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to preserve as a priority improved east-west connectivity when discussing the potential alternatives for I-35 corridor improvements.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2014    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk

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